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## ABSTRAK

Memandangkan tempoh masa dan kos yang diperlukan manakala menghasilkan bahagian-bahagian atau produk menjejaskan pengeluaran dan pelanggan kepuasan. Rapid Manufacturing boleh disesuaikan dengan menggunakan komputer kawalan berangka (CNC) yang merupakan salah satu kaedah pengilangan. Kebolehcapaian alat boleh meningkatkan menggunakan 3-axis CNC Mesin pengilangan dengan alat pengindeksan dan boleh mengatasi sebahagian besar daripada kekangan proses. Ketika membuat operasi untuk mencari orientasi memotong optimum, lebih banyak kerja yang diperlukan untuk mencipta satu demi satu orientasi dengan nilai memotong orientasi diperlukan. Jadi, perlu membuat GUI untuk memastikan nilai kunci orientasi dalam mudah untuk membuat pembedahan. karya ini memberi tumpuan dalam mencari orientasi pemotongan optimum dan untuk menganalisis implikasi orientasi ke arah masa pemesinan. Dengan membuat antara muka, masa operasi dapat dikurangkan dan mudah untuk mencari operasi pemotongan optimum. RM rapat berkaitan dengan masa tetapi pasti perlu mengambil kira kepuasan pelanggan. Dalam menganalisis implikasi orientasi ke arah masa pemesinan. Setiap orientasi akan memberi kesan kepada masa pemesinan yang bergantung kepada geometri model maju.

Kemajuan Manufacturing Berbantuan Komputer (CAM) dieksploitasi dalam merealisasikan sistem pemesinan pesat. Ini membolehkan perancangan proses CNC yang akan dikendalikan melalui kod pengaturcaraan disesuaikan. Penemuan daripada kajian simulasi disokong oleh keputusan pemesinan eksperimen. Orientasi roughing adalah tetap untuk semua operasi awal model. Orientasi roughing dikurangkan masa pemotongan dan mengurangkan kerja-kerja operasi penamat. Kemasan operasi akan memberikan hasil yang terbaik bahagian akhir. Orientasi optimum berkaitan dengan bahagian geometri.

## **ABSTRACT**

Considering time frame and cost needed while producing the parts or product affecting the production and customer satisfaction. Rapid Manufacturing can be adapted by using Computer Numerical Controlled (CNC) which is one of the methods in manufacturing. The tool accessibility can be increasing using 3-axis CNC milling machine with an indexing device and can overcomes most of the process constraints. While make an operation to finding the optimum cutting orientations, more work is required to create one by one orientation with the value of cutting orientation needed. So, need to make GUI to ensure the values of orientations key in are easy to make an operation. This thesis focuses on finding the optimum cutting orientation and to analyse the implication of orientation towards machining time. With making interface, the operation time can be reduced and easy to find the optimum cutting operation. RM is closely related with time but surely need to consider customer satisfaction. In analyses the implication of orientation towards machining time. Every orientation will give effect to the machining time which depends on the geometry of the models developed.

The advancement of Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) is exploited in realising a rapid machining system. This allows CNC process planning to be handled through customised programming codes. The findings from simulation studies are supported by the machining experiment results. The roughing orientations are fixed for all earlier operation of the models. The roughing orientations minimized the cutting time and decreasing the finishing operation work. Finishing operation will give the best result of part finish. The optimum orientation relate with part geometries.

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## LIST OF SYMBOLS

|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| %             | Percentages            |
| °             | Angles                 |
| mm            | millimetres            |
| $\theta$      | Input angle            |
| mmpm          | Millimetres per minute |
| $\varnothing$ | Diameter               |
| rpm           | Revolution per minute  |

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

|        |                                  |
|--------|----------------------------------|
| AM     | Additive manufacturing           |
| ArcHLM | Arc hybrid-layered manufacturing |
| CAD    | Computer Aided Design            |
| CAM    | Computer Aided Manufacturing     |
| CNC    | Computer Numerical Control       |
| D      | Dimension                        |
| EBM    | Electron Beam Melting            |
| EDM    | Electrical Discharge Machine     |
| FDM    | Fused Deposition Modelling       |
| GUI    | Graphical User Interface         |
| IPW    | In-process Workpiece             |
| MCS    | Machine Coordinate System        |
| RM     | Rapid Manufacturing              |
| RP     | Rapid Prototyping                |
| SLA    | Stereo lithography               |
| SLM    | Selective Laser Melting          |
| SLS    | Selective Laser Sintering        |
| ABS    | Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene  |
| SRP    | Subtractive Rapid Prototyping    |

## **CHAPTER 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND**

In recent years, considering the time frame and cost needed while producing the parts or product is really important and this will affecting the production and customer satisfaction. Based on this characteristics, rapid manufacturing (RP) has high potential to reduce the cost and cycle of product development [1]. In late 1980, in producing models and prototype parts, the first methods for rapid prototyping have been introduced. In rapid prototyping, fabrication of the prototypes or scale model of a physical part or assembly produced in fast way. RP cannot be understood and seen on conventional engineering drawing because mechanical RP scale model allow visualizing complex shape. RP helps engineering student to develop product before become an actual scale. The purpose RP technology is to make analysis of the products and future process in develop the real product. Using this techniques, any changes of the design at early phase can be improved before the producing the real product. RP contribute in medical field which function to build human implants quickly and accurately, procedure of cardiovascular surgical are training using RP models [2] . In producing RP design, a few phase need to pass which to manufacture the prototype scale to actual scale product.

Additive manufacturing is the technique applied in RP which the molten raw material is added layer by layer. Using RP process, metals are not be able to use. But some materials possessed metal properties and have capability to be used in RP process. For example, cam shaft needed the material that possess properties of metals, the suitable material used to make RP for cam shaft was poly (methyl methacrylate) (PMMA). RP can be classified in 4 types, stereo lithography (SL), selective laser sintering (SLR), fused deposition modelling (FDM), laminated object sintering (LMS)[3].

Although currently in specialist application are using RP systems as the finishing part that no need to manufacture as the real part and will facing many problems to be solved. Rapid manufacturing (RM) is the predecessors of RP and rapid tooling (RT) which has grown in recent years. RM means making finishing part quickly by manufacturing method. Specifically, RM means development of the part that are used directly as finished product using computer aided design (CAD)-based automated additive manufacturing process. RM can be classified into 2 types which are additive manufacturing (AM) and subtractive manufacturing (SM). For AM, development of the part layer by layer compared to SM which need to remove the material from a raw material to form a desired product. AM have ability to construct complex shape than SM[4]. In production, RM is one alternatives that will satisfy customer needed and the development followed the time frame.

AM techniques have been introduced for more than 20 years but limited to the porous structures and prototypes in rapid manufacturing. AM technologies commonly using wire or powder as a feedstock which will melting when heat sources focusing and consolidate subsequent cooling to form a part [5]. Speed in develop manufacturing process is the main constraints and the amount of time consumed effected in fabricating the parts. Besides that, application of manufacturing area expanded to foods, sports, architectural, biomedical product, and aviation which developed in AM field Major advantages of AM compared with subtractive manufacturing, firstly, freeform fabrication allowed in AM process. Providing freeform design for innovative product by removing the traditional manufacturing restrictions. Secondly, AM can decreasing the supply chain fabrication and develop the profits space for manufacturers. Thirdly, environment impact has high potential to be reduce in applying AM technologies [6].

For RM application, CNC machine is one of the reliable techniques. The automatic capabilities of cutting machine like milling, laser cutting and high speed milling are improved by CNC technology [7].In CNC systems, computer aided design (CAD) and computer aided manufacturing (CAM) are used in generating finishing component design. CNC technology have been classified as SM process and brought the technology to an advance phase. In producing complex part of production, CNC machining is widely use such as die-moulds, impellers, turbines and numerous aerospace components. With attaching indexer on CNC machining will have 4<sup>th</sup>

axis machine and enable to machine parts from various cutting directions. Complex shape can be develop when machining from different orientations and can access at all region of the parts.

## **1.2 PROBLEM STATEMENT**

Traditional CNC machining process involve human in controlling and run the operations. But for RM tools such as AM processes will reducing the human involvement which is the processes will fully automated while production. In addition, rapid manufacturing processes are fully automated by CNC machine and the processing need to consider the timeframe and cost. Manufacturers come out with an idea in producing the parts in rapid manufacturing which need the product to manufacture in fast way and the amount of time used can be compare with the previous method like rapid prototyping. Actually, the higher the number of the orientations, the higher the complexity of the products that can be produced.

In making the CNC machine used in 4<sup>th</sup> axis machining, indexer is attached at CNC machine that allow the work piece to be rotated to various orientations. The region accessibility to the cutting tool is increasing. However, for non-complex parts, minimizing the cutting orientations supposedly needed because when using various cutting orientations in producing non-complex parts it will use a large amount of time and costly. There is no method to optimize the cutting orientations for non-complex part for 4<sup>th</sup> axis. Previous methods are using only operation in producing the part in each cutting orientation. Nowadays, separated of the machining operations are separates into two processes which are roughing and finishing. In roughing operation, the parts of the product machined roughly with the irregular surface and finishing process need to remove the remaining material that do not accessible by roughing operation. Limiting the cutting orientation for finishing process are needed compared for roughing operation which can the various cutting orientation applied to the operation.

To make sure the cutting orientation fully covered machining part is using algorithm which developed to consider the surface visibility of the part from different directions. Finishing phase is the important operation to make sure the tool access to all surfaces that need to machine. Cutting orientation was very important in considering all machined part are removing during the processing.

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